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Remarks:

In item 10 of the Notification, it is stated that claim 1 in the "Claims Appendix" does not correspond to the last amended version in the amendment filed February 16, 2005.

It is respectfully noted that this statement is in error. The paper filed on February 16, 2005 was a response and no amendments were made to the claims. Furthermore, applicants have only filed responses and have not amended the originally filed claims at any time during prosecution. Therefore, claim 1 is as originally filed. Original claim 1 is properly provided in the "Claims Appendix". It is noted that attached to the response dated February 16, 2005, was a certified English translation of the German Application No. 199 21 263.5, to perfect priority. However, the translation does not amend the claims in any way.

Accordingly, it is respectfully noted that the Notification of Non-Compliant Amendment is not proper. Therefore, an amended brief is not necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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